(d) the normal life of a road in Delhi and whether due supervision is not maintained by the Authorities concerned while the roads are being repaired/relaid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. However, in few places on account of unprecedented/intermittent rains and excessive traffic some damage occurs in the form of potholes. After the rains, repairs/resurfacing of the roads is undertaken by the concerned agencies.

(d) The normal life of a road with premixed bituminous sufacing is taken between two to three years whereas in the cases of bituminous dense carpet surfacing, the life of a road in taken as five years depending open the traffic load. Due supervision and care is taken by the concerned authorities while relaying/ repairing roads.

[Translation]

Increase in Water Tax

1739. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been an exhorbitant increase in water tax and framing of a new law for collecting water tax by Kanpur Water Authority; is violative of rules;

(b) if so, whether the Government propse to defer/ scrap this law;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Question do not arise.

Supply of Wheat

1740. DR. BALIRAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ration Depot of Kendriya Bandar H-Block in Gole Market Delhi has not been supplied with wheat for the last two months;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make proper arrangement of the supply of wheat to the above mentioned depot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) The Fair Price Shop attached to the Kendriya Bhandar Store at H Block in Gole Market i.e. Kali Bai Store (FPS No. 2204) has been having adequate stock to wheat.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Kashmiri Militants

1741. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Kashmiri Militants who are in jail outside the Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the Government are proposing to transfer them to Jammu and Kashmir jails; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) As per available information, there are 66 J & K prisoners in Jails outside the State of J & K.

(b) and (c). Some persons arrested by the J & K authorities had been lodged in Jails outside the State due to lack of adequate accommodation in Jails in J & K. As and when accommodation becomes available these prisoners are transferred back to the State.

LPG Agencies

1742. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG agencies allowed to bifurcate during the last year State-wise, which were allotted on partnership basis;

(b) the number of such cases under consideration; and

(c) the policy and rules being followed by the Govt. in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) During the last three years i.e. 1993-94 to 1995-96, two (2) LPG distributorships have been allowed to be bifurcated on compassionate grounds.

(b) Two.

(c) Generally, bifurcation is not allowed. However, bifurcation of an LPG distributorship has been permitted on compassionate grounds or some other extraordinary circumstances in deserving cases.

LPG Connections

1743. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to declare Dakashina